

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On 11 December 2008 an in person interview was held between Daniel Drexler (Applicant's Representative), Sean P. Dougherty (Examiner), and Max Hindenburg (Supervisory Patent Examiner). Daniel Drexler exhibited a model of a blood collection device. Claims 1-9, 11 and 12 were discussed. US Patent No. 6,186,960 to Tripp et al. and US Patent No. 5,658,257 to Ryles were discussed. Applicant's Representative, the Examiner, and the Supervisory Examiner reached a tentative agreement that adding to claim 1 the limitation, "an annular ring with at least two finger members extending therefrom", would distinguish the claim from Tripp et al.